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SUBJ: KAL AND THE AIRBUS

1. EMBOFFS VISITED "CHARLIE" CHO OF KOREAN AIR LINES (KAL) JUNE 7 FOLLOWING HIS TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES CHO SAID HE HAD ONCE MORE REVIEWED HIS FINANCING REQUIREMENTS WITH EXIM AND WAS AWAITING OUTCOME OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON LOAN AND GUARANTEE PROPOSAL OF \$61 MILLION WITHIN TOTAL \$97 MILLION OFR 3 DC-10S. PLANS FOR FINANCING THE FOURTH AND FIFTH DC-10S ARE UP IN THE AIR, BUT CHO NOTED THAT MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS IS TRYING TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE TERMS ON WHICH KAL COULD LEASE THE PLANES.

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE JUNE 4-5 AIRBUS (A-300) DEMONSTRATION, CHO SAID BOTH THE FRENCH AND GERMAN AMBASSADOR HAVE BEEN PUSHING A-300 WITH PRIME MINISTER AND ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD. CHO SAID BOTH ITS CAPACITY (250) AND ITS SHORT LANDING ABILITY, WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCEPTABLE (QT REPORTEDLY USED ONE HALF OF THE 1500

METER CHEJU ISLAND RUNWAY) BUT HIS PILOTS TOLD HIM IT
"DRAGGED A BIT" AND WAS TOO SLOW. FINANCING OF AIRBUS,
CHO OBSERVED, WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO PRESENT
PROBLEM.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH RENOVATION OF KAL FLEET , CHO
ALSO NOTED CONCERN ABOUT AIRCRAFT NOISE LEVELS.
CHO REPORTED OSAKA, JAPAN, AIRPORT HAS TOLD KAL 707
OR DC-8 AIRCRAFT WOULD BE BANNED AFTER NEXT YEAR
BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO NOISY.

4. WE GAINED IMPRESSION KAL WAS NOT ABOUT TO RUSH OUT
AND BUY AIRBUS BUT WAS KEEPING IT IN RESERVE AS A
POSSIBILITY - NOW OR LATER.
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